

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

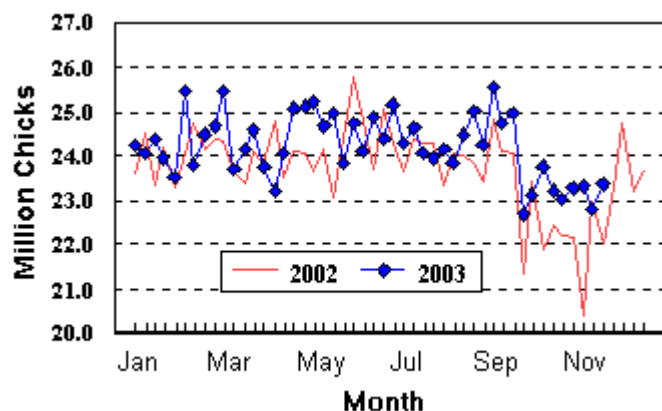
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.4 million during the week ending November 29, 2003. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up 3 percent from the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 29, 2003 were 1.16 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.2 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 5 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

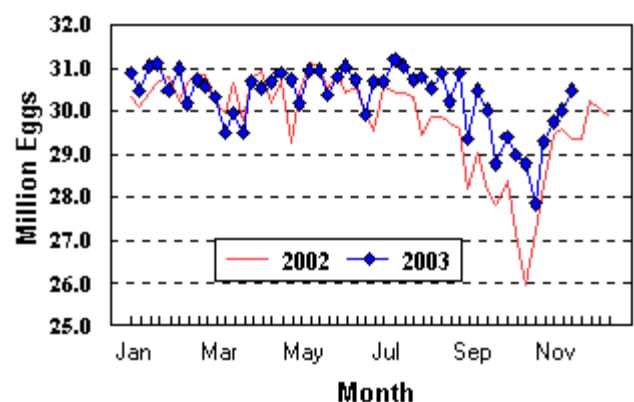
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 29, 2003, up 4 percent from the same period last year, and up 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 25	22,466	23,230	103	23,102	23,882	103	25,951	28,783	111
Nov. 1	22,202	23,060	104	23,143	24,292	105	27,248	27,849	102
Nov. 8	22,150	23,263	105	22,589	24,131	107	28,284	29,303	104
Nov. 15	20,431	23,335	114	21,561	23,971	111	29,457	29,786	101
Nov. 22	22,968	22,777	99	22,459	23,123	103	29,624	29,996	101
Nov. 29	21,996	23,381	106	23,319	24,188	104	29,362	30,487	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	08-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov	29-Nov		25-Oct	01-Nov	08-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov	29-Nov	
Alabama	28,438 *	28,842	28,598	29,276	104	21,380	20,866	19,712	20,197	19,326	21,133	104
ARKANSAS	29,303 *	29,786	29,996	30,487	104	23,230	23,060	23,263	23,335	22,777	23,381	106
Delaware	3,906	3,544	3,546	3,785	105	4,359	4,616	4,836	4,306	4,901	5,638	117
Florida	1,351	1,353	1,352	1,352	60	1,601	1,518	1,525	1,664	1,491 *	1,809	73
Georgia	31,432 *	32,466	31,862 *	32,964	108	24,438	25,322	23,856	22,525 *	23,396 *	25,062	103
Kentucky	6,553 *	6,739	6,721 *	6,724	107	5,458	5,957	4,893	5,287	5,267 *	5,129	106
Maryland	8,891	8,417	8,752	8,753	89	5,727	5,418	4,490	5,270	5,636	5,188	85
Mississippi	17,597 *	18,276	18,389	19,027	102	14,925	14,983	14,254	15,291	14,292	15,146	99
N. Carolina	17,872 *	18,135	18,125	18,104	99	13,225	13,155	13,270	14,134	13,782	14,112	100
Oklahoma	5,890	6,400	6,391	6,312	100	3,966	3,924	5,143	4,374	4,255	4,476	87
Pennsylvania	3,590	3,711 *	3,751	3,583	96	2,634	2,505	2,370	2,489 *	2,564	2,661	103
S. Carolina	4,104	3,749	3,618	3,940	85	4,040	4,196	3,262	3,342	4,325	4,294	111
Texas	14,788	14,512	14,782	14,857	99	11,762	11,863	10,646	10,738	11,887	12,276	100
Virginia	6,116	6,591	6,622	6,622	107	4,415	5,130	5,168	5,629	4,953	5,101	96
CA, LA, MO, TN, WV	21,177 *	21,051	20,848 *	21,336	108	17,733	17,736 *	17,220 *	17,150 *	18,188 *	19,473	107
Total 2003	201,008 *	203,572 *	203,353 *	207,122		158,893	160,249 *	153,908 *	155,731 *	157,040 *	164,879	
Total 2002	197,676	199,041	200,518	202,537		157,001	155,287	151,790	147,970	154,972	161,690	
%Prev. Year	102	102	101	102		101	103	101	105	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003-2004.....						13-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec	03-Jan	10-Jan	17-Jan	

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 207 million eggs during the week ending November 29, 2003. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 29, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 29, 2003 were 7.98 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.